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National Encampment Stipulates New Reporting Deadlines

*Submitted by Glen Roosevelt ,
DC*

The 2011 National Encampment created the following new requirements for reporting the Installation of Camp Officers: a) The Installing Officer shall complete the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) before departing and provide the same to the Camp Secretary to be filed with the Department Secretary. b) The Camp Secretary shall forward to the Department Secretary the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) on or before February 15th of each calendar year. c) The Department Secretary shall compile a report consisting of the Entity Identification Number (EIN) and IRS contact person (name, address, telephone number and e-mail address if any) for each camp. The report shall be provided to the National Treasurer on or before March 15th of each calendar year. New member reporting was also updated, stipulating that, "...the application ...shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the Camp Status Report (Form 30) by the 15th day of the month

following receipt of the application". Please help your Camp Secretary meet these new requirements so our Department can meet its reporting requirements in a timely manner. An annotated version of the revised C&Rs with these and other changes may be found at: <http://www.suvcw.org/ftp/BlueBook2011.pdf>

Camp 2 SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event

*Submitted by Glen Roosevelt ,
DC*



A combined Camp effort of Camps 2, 17, 18, and 21 helped to make the Camp 2 and Auxiliary Sesquicentennial Signature Event at Drum Barracks Civil War Museum a hit on September 24 & 25, 2011. The event "Civil War on the Homefront – September 1861" was developed and coordinated by Camp 2 Commander Loran Bures and Auxiliary No. 2.

The event featured many activities, demonstrations, and information focusing on the women and children of that era. Recruiters for the Army, Navy and Marines were portrayed by uniformed SVR members who helped to advise young recruits on joining up, and helped them draw up their period correct enlistment papers. There were quilting and sewing demonstrations, and displays and lectures on the proper way to mourn a lost loved one. Milliners from the Rosecrans Auxiliary provided hat making information and material, and allowed young ladies to make their own hat for a small fee. Camp 2 Commander Bures assisted with locating visitor's surnames in genealogical sites on his computer to find out about their own Civil War history. We believe that the overall experience led to several recruits for Camp 2. (see photos of this event elsewhere in this newsletter)

Lincoln Camp 10 Hosts Sesquicentennial Signature Event

Skies of purest blue greeted the 5th Annual Fort Mervine's "Civil War Encampment" hosted by the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" (SUVCW). This Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature event, held over the weekend of October 8 and 9, was held at the historic Fort Mervine on Monterey, CA Presidio Museum grounds. The event, which included participants from

Camps 2, 4, 10, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 24, reached an all time high public turn out as well. Also holding down the fort were our auxiliary sisters from Rosecrans 2, Stiers 23, and Walker 52.



The grateful public was treated to twice-daily firing demonstrations, featuring a six musket and one side arm firing detail by members of the 6th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Members of Camp Warhorse of Salinas of the California Historical Society (CHAS) were on hand to thrill the crowd with the firing of cannon. There were ten tent displays consisting of various themes such as Civil War ordnance and firearms, Civil War medicine and surgical display manned by retired Carmel Police Chief Don Fuselier (Camp 10). A recruiting station for the 5th California Volunteer Infantry Company K, conceived and manned by the California and Pacific Dept Commander Glen Roosevelt (Camp 17), was a hit with the kids. DC Roosevelt would ask the recruit to raise his right hand and have them repeat an oath, whereupon they received a certificate of enlistment. If the recruit was a lad of less than 18 summers, there was a handy board with the number "18." DC Roosevelt would kick out from

under the table and ask the recruit again if he was "over 18". Many an 18 year old, perhaps a bit small for his age, was so enlisted that day.

There was also a tent display honoring the Civil War veterans of Monterey County and the California Column, and the Women's Auxiliary to the SUVCW (ASUVCW) were dressed in the womens' attire of the era as well, displaying a tent exhibiting mourning items of the era. There were artifacts of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) as well as genuine Civil War artifacts for viewing by the visitors.

Another major attraction was the Civil War ambulance towed by horses throughout the Fort Mervine grounds by CHAS. The event was first approved in 2007 by City of Monterey's then – Museum Director, the now deceased Jim Conway. The 2011 event was sponsored by the Presidio Museum's Director Dennis Copeland who was overseeing all the History Fest events of both days. Many thanks are due to all those who helped plan and implement this event, in particular Department of California and Pacific Senior Vice Commander Timothy P. Reese, PCC (Lincoln Camp 10) who has championed this event from the start. A special thank you and kudo's go to ACWA's Garrett Hasslinger who provide Fife music, as well as several dog and three A frame tents & a wall tent to give the large compound look. Also his participation in the Firing detail on both days &

Department 2012 Host Committee Requests Your Support



Department Brothers & Sisters,

The Department respectfully requests your support to help meet our financial obligations to host the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles on August 9-11, 2012.

Please distribute the contribution form, attached to the end of this newsletter, to all your Camp and Auxiliary members to help us with our fund-raising. Several Brothers and Sisters have already generously contributed to the fund-raising during the past two Department Encampments, and through other fund-raising activities. Please help us reach all our Department Brothers and Sisters to ask for their support.

With thanks in Fraternity,
Charity & Loyalty,

Glen L. Roosevelt
Dept. Commander
2012 National Encampment Host
Committee Chairman

helping DC Glen in the recruiting station. **Note: other photos and Videos are posted on FACEBOOK –Dept CA & PAC page.**



Patriotic Paragraphs

*by Dean Enderlin,
Dept. Patriotic
Instructor*

The Sum of our Year: December

Submitted By John W. Bates,
National Patriotic Instructor,
December 2011

It's that time of our year again, December, 2011. While most of us look forward to the upcoming Holidays, we should all think about those who are serving our nation, at home and around the world. We all want to be with our families at the holidays, but as we know it is not always possible to do so. Those who serve our Nations Armed Forces do so at a very high cost. Many, if not most of them are away from their families and friends and are often at risk for their lives. How many of us stop and think of what they do for us all? Many of us in The SUVCW are aware of these issues, but how many of the Average Citizens of this country even give a thought? Not enough in my mind, and that is something we need to change. If you are truly interested in what our Nation stands for, get involved! At your Camp and Department Level, go to schools, volunteer, and present Patriotic

Ideas and examples to all you can! Talk about service to our young people, present historic programs about The Civil War and its everlasting effect on our country. Remember, Walk the Talk.

December 7, 2011, marked the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On December 8, 1941 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed Congress and asked for a Declaration of War. His famous "Day of Infamy" speech rallied our country against the Evil Axis Powers. He led us and encouraged us to do our part to win through to "Absolute Victory". He led us, and thanks to "The Greatest Generation" they won for us all. We cannot forget this, or what all our Armies and Navies, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard do for us today. In this season of the Prince of Peace, Hanukkah, and all other religious remembrances let us strive to honor all of their deeds, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

News from Around the Department

The 2012 National Encampment will be held in Los Angeles, California on August 9-11, 2012 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriot. A web page has been set up to help keep the masses informed:
<http://www.suvpac.org/2012.html>



The Fort Point Living History Sesquicentennial Event

will be held on January 28, 2012. The event will be sponsored by six SUVCW Camps in Northern California, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the 20th Maine, Co. G. (ACWA), several Auxiliaries to the SUVCW, and the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz.

The venue is unique as it is the only brick Third System Fort on the West Coast. While there were more than 30 such forts on the East Coast, Fort point was the only one of its type built on the West Coast.

The significance of the January 2012 date is as follows: In December 1860, Lt. Colonel George Wright ordered 141 cannon to be installed at the fort (consisting of 24, 32, and 42-pounders, as well as 8 and 10-inch Columbiads). Fort Point was occupied by Company I, 3rd US Artillery on 2/15/1861 by order of S.O. 18, as the first occupation for the Civil War. Company K, 9th US Infantry, joined the garrison on 12/28/1861. By **January 1862** (the first full garrisoning of the fort), Company B, 3rd US Artillery was the artillery component of the Fort. During the ensuing months, the fort was used as the recruiting and

training station for solders in Northern California. During the Civil War, as many as 500 men from the 3rd U.S. Artillery, the 9th U.S. Infantry, and the 8th California Volunteer Infantry were garrisoned at Fort Point. Stationed several thousand miles from the major theaters of combat, the men spent their days in a routine of drills, artillery practice, inspections, sentry duty, and maintenance chores. Enlisted men bunked 24 to a casemate on the third tier; officers had single or double quarters on the floor below .

The fort is a popular tourist destination frequented by individuals, families, and tour buses. Planned events for the day include a tours and interpretive displays by the National Park Service and Friends of Civil War Alcatraz; a mock enlistment station, medical screening, and participation in non-firing artillery drills for the public; civil war small arms display and presentations; marching and mock drills by reenactors; and a comprehensive display regarding the history the GAR and SUVCW. This will include a recruiting table for the SUVCW.

This event will provide a positive portrayal of the sacrifice and dedication required of soldiers who served at that time period.

Please note: The National Park Service does not allow any merchandise to be sold at this event (passbooks and medals). However, a stamp for the event will be available so that pre-

purchased passbooks can be stamped.

Have questions? Contact Charlie Mabie at editor@suvpac.org

Department Encampment Update

Tim Reese, DVC

I like to announce to all members in our Department and the ASUVCW, that the 2012 Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will be held on March 9th and 10th at Camp San Luis Obispo, as in the previous year. I decided (in concurrence with the other elected officers) that the Encampment should remain here, as the costs are extremely reasonable, and with the 2012 National Encampment that will follow, this is the best course to take. *Registration forms and details about menu, accommodations, and ad prices can be found at the Department website:*

<http://suvpac.org/encampment.html>

***The 148th Anniversary
2ND INFANTRY
REGIMENT,
CALIFORNIA
VOLUNTEERS
at Fort Tejon State Historic
Park, February 3RD, 4TH,
& 5TH 2012***

In 1861 Fort Tejon's garrison of US Dragoons, along with its Camel Corps, were moved to Los

Angeles to help secure southern California for the Union. Fort Tejon would remain abandoned until 1864 when it was re-garrisoned by the 2nd California Infantry.

Come take a step back in time to 1864. Find out how Californians reacted to the great Civil War that was embroiling the rest of the nation! See how Californians lived back in wild and wooly frontier California. Meet the soldiers and civilians that kept California in the United States of America.

At this weekend reenactment, visitors are invited to meet and talk to the soldiers and civilians that lived and worked at Fort Tejon 148 years ago. Hands-on learning demonstrations will be conducted for the park visitor. This interpretive program will demonstrate to the public what the duties and activities of the civilians and soldiers were at this mountain post. Civilians from the time period and soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Regiment will portray actual persons that were at Fort Tejon in accurate and first-person representations.



Fort Tejon State Historic Park is slated to be closed on July 1, 2012, as part of the Governor's plan to balance the state budget. As a result, the Fort Tejon Historical Association is staging

this event in 2012 instead of 2014.

Please share the information about this event with your Camp's Brothers and anyone else who may be interested. For more information visit:

<http://www.forttejon.org/2ndcal2011.html>

Yours in F, C & L,

Loran Bures, Commander
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2

150th Anniversary of the Civil War



**Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**

Other Sesquicentennial Events

The national Webpage has a listing of Sesquicentennial events from around the nation. Check back frequently as many events are still in the planning stages. The listing can be found at:

[http://www.suvcw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSESeq.htm](http://www.suvcw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSesquicentennial/CWSEQ.htm)

Other sites for Sesquicentennial Information:

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2011/04/110407-civil-war-sesquicentennial/>

<http://www.civilwar.org/150th-anniversary/>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/04/12/presidential-proclamation-civil-war-sesquicentennial>

<http://www.facebook.com/civilwar150network>

<http://www.nps.gov/fosu/planyourvisit/civil-war-sesquicentennial.htm>

http://www.history.army.mil/html/bookshelves/resmat/civil_war/cw_additional_resources.html

<http://www.gadling.com/2011/02/17/nation-gears-up-for-civil-war-sesquicentennial-reenactments-ex/>

<http://www.civilwartraveler.com/150/index.html>

<http://www.johnbrownraid.org/>

<http://rosenbach.org/civilwar/>

<http://civilwar150.longwood.edu/>

<http://www.7score10years.com/>

**PHOTO ALBUM:
FALL 2011 IN REVIEW**

By Charlie Mabie, Editor

We have included photos taken at several events in 2011. Enjoy!



Camp 23, Veterans Day 2011

Thanks everyone for braving the rain showers to honor our veterans on Friday. Yesterday's parade at Petaluma was a success, in spite of the damp weather. As I understand it, there were about 200 entries (a new record). Local authorities estimated the number of viewers at about 20,000, down about 20% from last year.

Our members in the march were: Katherine Cannon, Ron Cannon, Elaine Christian, Cali Debevoise, Cindy Eddy, Dean Enderlin, Jamin Gjerman, Mace Gjerman, Brian Pinarretta and his nephew Logan VanderJagt, Ann Schleeter, and Dave Schleeter. Also joining us were Amelie and Trey Brown from the 20th Maine. Our group of 14 marchers really looked impressive. Brother Roger Fernwood was also in attendance, cheering us on from curbside, as were a bunch of folks from Brian Pinarretta's family.

The Santa Rosa Press-Democrat ran a story about the parade, and we were mentioned (sort of) as being participants. As usual, we were described as "Civil War enactors." Here's the link:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20111111/ARTICLES/111119885>

Click on the "Veterans Day" photo gallery on the above website to see a slide show of the 2011 and previous parades.



Figure 1



Camp 2 Commander Bures helps visitors link to their Civil War ancestors via on-line research databases.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Camp 2 SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event

Left: Recruiters R. Velasco, G. Roosevelt, Phil Caines, Tom Chumley & Jerry Sayre.



Figure 4



Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment (September 3-4)
From Left to Right: Terry Shaw Glen Roosevelt, Joe Hart

ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS, & DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, Department CA and PACIFIC

- Commander - Bro. Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Timothy P. Reese, PCC
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Thomas T. Graham, PCC
- Secretary - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
- Treasurer - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
- Council - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- Council - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
- Council - Bro. Owen R. Stiles (Chair)

- Chaplain - Bro. Thomas E. Helmantoler, PCC
- Patriotic Instructor - Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, CC
- Counselor - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- Historian - Bro. David A. Davis, PCC
- Guide - Bro. Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC
- Guard - Bro. Daniel J. Henry, CC
- Signals Officer - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- Color Bearer - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
- Graves Registration Officer - Bro. Joseph C. Marti
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Bro. Kirby R. Morgan
- GAR Highway Officer - Bro. Thomas P. Chumley, PCC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Bro. Alan E. Peterson, PDC
- California Column Newsletter Editor - Bro. Charles W. Mabie, PDC
- Special Aide to the Civil War Memorials Officer – Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, CC
- Special Aide to the G.A.R. Highway Officer – Bro. Andrew Brown, Camp 2.

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://suvpac.org/officers.html>

The CA and Pacific Website can be found at:

<http://suvpac.org/index.html>

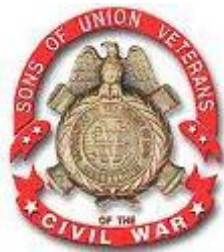
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a creation of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union Civil War veterans, which was formed in 1866. Wanting to pass on its heritage, the GAR in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created a Corps of Cadets in 1878 which later became the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV). This latter organization was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 12, 1881.

The SV units functioned much as National Guard units and actually served along with state militia during the Spanish American War. In 1904, the SV elected to become a patriotic education society and in 1925 changed its name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

However, to keep the military aspect alive, the SUVCW created within the organization the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) which was carried on the Army rolls as a Reserve contingent. Some SVR units served with the Army during World War I. After World War I, the SVR was listed as a training company of the U.S. Army. In more recent years, the SVR's mission has become historic, ceremonial, and commemorative.

Prior to disbanding and before the death of its last member, the GAR officially designated the SUVCW as its successor and heir to its remaining property. On August 20, 1954, the SUVCW was officially incorporated by an Act of Congress by the passing of Public Law 605 of the second session of the 83rd Congress. The Department of California and Pacific was established in February 1886 and currently consists of sixteen local Camps.





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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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Department Brothers and Sisters,

The last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in California was held in Los Angeles in 1912. The Department of California & Pacific of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Auxiliary (ASUVCW) is hosting the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the GAR to commemorate the Centennial of the last GAR National Encampment in California. The National Encampment will be held at the LAX-Marriott Hotel on August 9-11, 2012. Your support will help meet the Department's financial obligations.

Please become a contributing sponsor of this historic gathering of the representatives of your Orders, and the legal heirs to, the original, and oldest, veterans' organization in the United States of America. The SUVCW is a 501(c)(4) organization, therefore, your generous contribution is fully deductible for federal income tax purposes as specified under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please consider making a generous contribution on behalf of yourself or your Camp or Auxiliary in one of the levels listed below.

General - Platinum Level: a donation of \$1,000 or more

Colonel - Gold Level: a donation of \$500 or more

Major - Silver Level: a donation of \$250 or more

Captain - Bronze Level: a donation of \$100 or more

Each contributor will receive a certificate of appreciation, and your name will be included in the Encampment Program as a supporting contributor. *Donations received by Feb. 1, 2012 will be most effective. Contributions by Feb. 1 will be acknowledged in the Department Encampment Program.*

Thank you for your generous support!

*** Please detach section below and return it with your donation ***

Please make your check payable to: California 2012 National Encampment and mail to:
Department of California & Pacific, SUVCW
704 Virginia Street, El Segundo, California 90245

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General-Platinum Colonel-Gold Major-Silver Captain-Bronze Any Other Amount

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